GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:34
ANSWERED ON:24.07.2001
PERSONS LIVING IN SLUMS
RAMDAS ATHAWALE

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of persons living in slums in metro cities of the country is increasing constantly;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the estimated number of dalits living in slums of metro cities;

(d) whether the Union Government have taken/propose to take any steps to deal with the problems arising due to increasing slum areas;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the amount of money spent by the Union Government for the development of slums during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a)to(f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.34 FOR 24.7.2001 REGARDING PERSOI LIVING IN SLUMS.

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The number of persons living in slums in metro cities of the country is increasing mainly due to constant migration of people from rural areas and smaller towns in search of employment and availability of other better facilities such as medical education, etc., in urban areas.

(c): There is no such detail enumerated with regard to dalits in the available information.

(d)&(e): Slum development is a State subject and State Governments formulates specific plans, programmes and schemes for development of slums in various cities as per their priorities and make necessary provisions in their respective State Plans. However, with a view to ameliorate the living conditions of the slum dwellers a programme known as National Slum Development Programme (NSDP) was launched at the National Level in August, 1996 to provide Additional Central Assistance (ACA) to the States/UTs for the development of the urban slums. Prior to this the Environmental Improvement of Urban Slums (EIUS) which was initially operative since 1972, its scope was enlarged in 1974 and was made as an integral part of the Minimum Needs Programme and was transferred to the State sector in April,1974.

(f): The details of the amount released by the Union Government to the States/UTs during the last three years under National Slum Development Programme (NSDP) are given below:

S.No.	Year	Amount released (Rs. in lakhs)
1.	1998-99	35357.44
2.	1999-2000	39189.50
3.	2000-2001	24153.07